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CLAIMS (This list supersedes all prior versions/listings of claims in this application)

1. An artificial pond reef, said reef being of sheet material in the general shape of an inverted tub, said pond reef including a peripheral base portion, sidewalls extending up from said base portion, and a roof;

said base portion including a horizontal flange extending out from said sidewalls;

said sidewalls extending up from said base portion and supporting said roof, said sidewalls including apertures for movement of marine life through said reef;

said roof adapted to support and retain decorative enhancements thereon;

said reef including holes through said sheet material for the growth of flora therethrough;

said base portion, sidewalls, and roof being surface-shaped and contoured to give said reef an appearance of natural rock formation.

2 (cancelled)

3 (currently amended) An artificial pond reef as defined in ~~claim 4, said~~ claim 1, said roof further including an opening to receive a removable receptacle for decorative enhancements.

4. An artificial pond reef formed from sheet material into the shape of an inverted tub or the like, said pond reef including a peripheral supporting base portion, generally vertical sidewalls extending up from said base portion, and a roof;

said base portion extending outward from said sidewalls, and including a horizontal flange;

said sidewalls extending up from said base portion and supporting said roof, said sidewalls including apertures for movement of fish and other marine life through said reef;

said roof configured and adapted to support and retain decorative enhancements thereon;

said reef including holes through said sheet material to permit and guide the growth of flora therethrough;

said base portion, sidewalls, and roof being surface-shaped and contoured to give said reef an appearance of natural rock formation.

5 (cancelled)

6. An artificial pond reef as defined in claim 4, said roof further including an opening to receive a removable receptacle for decorative enhancements.